



US Senate, Mississippi

HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:

AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

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Social Security

How would you protect Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for future generations?

AARP's Position:

Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

Travis W. Childers (D):

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Thad Cochran (R):

I always stand up for Mississippi's seniors. As your senator, I have fought for policies that best serve the interests of Mississippi's greatest generation. With your vote and a Republican majority, I will be well positioned to continue protecting Medicare and Social Security for generations to come. (Source: Clarion-Ledger, <http://ow.ly/yIq37>)

Medicare

How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?

AARP's Position:

Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person's health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

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More recently, we learned that Medicare is being raided to pay for Obamacare. Seniors could lose access to the doctors they liked and were told they could keep. [We] should stop these harmful cuts to Medicare. (Source: Cochran Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xVCHl>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?

AARP's Position:

More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans' ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

Travis W. Childers (D):

AARP did extensive research but was unable to find any public statement on this issue by July 11, 2014.

Thad Cochran (R):

Thad continues to work to create jobs in Mississippi, while ensuring that government does not unnecessarily interfere in the free market. Economic growth will increase when barriers to innovation are rolled back, policies that encourage investment are implemented, and necessary government reforms are enacted to help prepare Americans for the challenge of tomorrow's economy. (Source: Cochran Campaign Website, <http://ow.ly/xVCHl>)



After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you've earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters' Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

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